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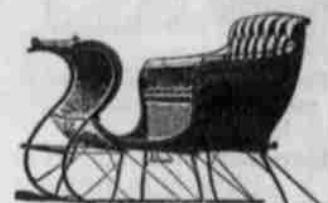
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It's a pleasure to refer you to Sweet's Common Sense Bob Sleds. The genuine—mind you. There are many makes patterned after the Sweet's, but they all lack the Sweet's ability to "climb up" the snow—to slide along the top and not gouge down and into the snow—This wonderful feature of all Sweet's Common Sense Bobs means ease of draft, and bigger loads for you. Prices and terms to your liking.



est area of known phosphate beds in the world, and it is unquestioned that it is absolutely necessary to utilize these deposits solely for the benefit of the farms of the United States.

Phosphoric acid, as is of course well known, is one of the three substances which must exist in the soil to insure plant growth. President Van Hise, of the University of Wisconsin, stated that it had been shown as the result of agricultural experiment station work in Wisconsin, Ohio, and Illinois, that in 54 years certain cropped soils of those states have been depleted of one-third of their original phosphoric acid—1080 pounds or 20 pounds per acre annually. Applying this rate of exhaustion to the 400,000,000 acres of cropped land in the United States, it would require 12,000,000 tons of phosphate rock annually to merely offset the loss, or as much as the total amount which has been mined from the Florida deposits.

The rapid rate of increase in the domestic use of phosphate taken in connection with the limited supply is a matter sufficiently serious; but the feature which should arouse the greatest concern and call forth the most vigorous protest is the exportation of nearly half the output. From this exportation the United States received practically no benefit, whereas every pound of American phosphate is needed for American farm lands. The following figures show the steadily in-

creasing production of phosphate rock in the United States:

Year	Tons.
1890	510,488
1900	1,491,216
1905	1,947,190
1907	2,265,343

Of the 1907 production, 900,000 tons or about 40 per cent was exported.

The phosphate rock of South Carolina is nearly exhausted, and the Florida deposits, once popularly considered practically inexhaustible, have reached their maximum production. They will soon begin to decline. Tennessee has comparatively large deposits, but this field alone would at the present rapid rate of increase in production, last only, according to the government geologists, eleven years. There is some phosphate rock in Arkansas; but it is of low grade. The large deposits, therefore, of the Public Land States must furnish the most of the phosphate of the future, and to insure the enrichment of our own soil from our own phosphate beds some method must be devised to prevent the profitable business of its exportation.

This, it is believed, can be done only by the Government's retaining title to the public lands underlain with phosphate and providing for their development by leasing under terms which will forbid exportation. The lands have therefore been withdrawn by the Secretary of the Interior, as an emergency measure, and will be reserved pending action by Congress.

APPLES IN THE CELLAR

Are better than a doctor upstairs and often prevent one being there. We are sorry apples are so high again this year. Though cheaper than a year ago they are still not down to normal prices, and many who planned to put two or three barrels in the cellar are again considering putting it off till another fall. We believe, however, that when good spicy winter apples can be had for four dollars or under, no family can afford to be without a barrel or two, and more if the family is large.

There is no question, but that much sickness is prevented by a liberal use of this fruit. Both raw and baked, and made into sauces, pies and puddings they are a most wholesome and much relished food. It must not be forgotten that they take the place of other food and fruit, too, so they are not wholly a luxury. It seems almost criminal to have children in the family and not an apple barrel where they can get to it.

Think it over carefully and see if you did not make a mistake in not getting at least one barrel of apples regardless of the price. Baked apples and cream! Think of it!—Dakota Farmer.

"BLAMED FOOL EDUCATION."

That is what some knowledge of agriculture and dairying is called by a man who says he never took or read agricultural or dairy papers in his

life. He assumes that he knew it all when he was born. Here is an inventory of that fellow set out by Hoard's Dairyman. In referring to one of its cow census correspondents who was looking over the dairy field of Wisconsin, it says of this man:

"He found a farmer with a herd of 16 cows, the milk of which he was taking to a creamery. Actually he did not get money enough from his cows to pay for their keeping, and he lost about \$8 a head. Within a quarter of a mile of this man was another farmer, a patron of the same creamery whose herd of 19 cows paid a profit above the cost of keeping of \$17 a piece. The difference between those two men was, one man's loss added to the other's profit, or a difference of \$25 per cow for the poor herd.

The census taker tried to arouse the dull man to a sense of the situation he was in and showed him the figures relating to the more successful farmer. This seemed to anger him and he said it was "all a lie," and he knew it. So low and sunken was this man's mind, that he had never had a dairy or agricultural paper in his house. That showed clearly the amount of brains he was bringing to bear on his work. He boasted to the census taker that he had got all he had without any of this "blamed fool education."

If some people who claim to be christians never manifested any more interest in their business than they do in their church they would be bankrupt in less than 48 hours.